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sylvania the Republicans were in a minority.

eceiving only 987,000 votes out of 2,004,

004. In the six great States of New York,

New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana

and Illinois, containing as they do nearly

one-half of the entire population of the

whole country, and more than half its wealth

and enterprise, the aggregate vote was a pop-

ular majority for the Democrats. In the four

northwestern States of Iowa, Michigan, Min-

nesota and Wisconsin, Mr. Hayes had 540,-

000 votes out of 980,000. In the four States

of the far west, Nebraska, Nevada, Colorado

and Kansas, Mr. Hayes received 133,-

000 out of 222,000 votes. In two Pacific

States, California and Oregon, he had but

93,000 out of 184,000. Out of the nine

great cities, which compose the main arteries

of commerce and wealth of the whole coun-

ry, and through whose channels we are

shiefly made known to the foreign powers of

the world, viz.: New York, Brooklyn, Bos-

ton, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia and San Francisco, all

gave large Democratic majorities, with the

exception of Philadelphia and San Francisco.

This great Democratic strength has not been

gained in a day, but has been steadily and

rresistibly growing since General Grant's

inauguration in 1869. From a minority of

less than one-third of the representation in

both branches of congress in the beginning

of Grant's second administration, the Demo-

crats have advanced, without one backward

step, until they have obtained a permanent

acjority in the house of representatives, and

TELEGRAMS.

damage has been done to mills and bridges

Philadelphia, March 5: The liabilities of

Ellis and Charles Stokes, dealers in hides, who were adjudicated bankrupts on Wednes-

day last, are over eight hundred and fifty

San Francisco, March 4: Sailed-Steamer

Boston, March 4: At Lewiston, Maine,

there was no choice for mayor. The vote stood: Ham (Rep.), 1232; Lyferd (Dem.),

crats elect five out of seven aldermen.

be submitted to the court to-morrow.

to St. Petersburg for formal ratification.

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midnight all is quiet.

Hong Kong, via. Yokahama, carrying only

ninety-six thousand dollars, about equally di-vided between trades. Mexican and fine sil-

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TAXATION.

acy of the Democratic party in the next congress of the United States is beyond all ques-THURSDAY, : MARCH 7, 1878. tion. The moral power of the party has even now a controlling influence upon all THE TARIFF - DIRECT FEDERAL | questions of legislation touching the interests of the people. The moral and the political power of the administration party has de-The revenue collected from the people is parted. Even the immense patronage it has the active motive power that runs the machinery of government, and is, therefore, a wielded for a continuance of power to control question of vital importance. As the public | the government has been insufficient to avert revenues come out of the net proceeds of la- its overthrow, but has, on the contrary, acbor, it is difficult to levy a tax which is not | celerated its docm. The Democratic party unjust in its operations. Senator Beck, in has shown the country that it can thrive the earth, but makes his journey around the as he heard of the matter started in pursuit his speech in the senate on Tuesday last, said: without official patronage. In this healthy "Our whole system of taxation is unjust. The | condition of the party, when in full view of Vanderbilts, Astors, and Stewarts, with their | complete possession of every department of colossal fortunes, did not contribute any more | the national government, Democrats are toward the support of the government, than asked to join outside organizations, which the poor laboring man." How to prevent will fall with the leaves of another authis injustice-how to make the property of tumn, and which, in the northern the country pay the taxes, is the States, are but so many offshoots from (the Lion). Uranus is attended by four moons problem of the hour. Senator Beck the decaying republican party. And why, in shows that an income tax will raise twenty- the proud name of Democracy, why in the three million dollars, and thus lighten the name of an aggrieved, oppressed, and taxburdens of the laboring masses, who pay as burdened people, why in the name of patrimuch taxes on the clothes they wear, and as much on what they eat, as the bloated bondholder, who evades taxation by investing his wealth in government securities. There is a strong party in the United States which advocates free trade and direct taxation was they are now advocation. Let a giant sun, some five thousand times of patricular the hame of patricular the so radical, but those who favor this policy that any intelligent Democrat, who knows insist that the revenue laws should be re- his right hand from his left, can or will be pealed, and that each State should collect its | led to join in these unchaste nuptials and quota of Federal taxes. The Kansas City leave that party that has stood immovable as (Mo.) Times shows that "the beneficial results the mountains since the earliest organization star is journeying south at the rate of twenty miles a second, and is also going away from that the negro had been hanged, the affair get rid of about fifty thousand Federal office- support on every vital question affecting the holders and their salaries. This army of interests of the people and of promoting the officeholders, who are corrupting the public development and stability of the industries service and bringing disgrace upon the na- and resources of the country. tion, would be converted into useful citizens, as producers, and not as consumers. This tendency of the Federal government to consolidate all the powers of government would Montreal, March 4: H. and H. Merrill retail dealers in dry goods, failed. Liabili-ties, one hundred thousand dollars; assets, be checked, and the Federal government would revert back to the constitutional orbit nominally as much. fixed for it by the founders of the republic. Quebec, March 5: The centenary of Em The people every four years will not be penned met's birth was celebrated to-night by a torch-light procession, in which nearly two like a flock of sheep by these Federal wolves, to fleece them and drink their blood. Has not thousand Irishmen took part. the increase of Federal officeholders, and Portland, Me., March 4: Butler (Rep.) was lected mayor, having 2516 votes, to 2304 for the vast amount of money distributed among Meeks (Dem.), and 140 for Turner (Greenthem for the last fifteen years, been sufback). The Republicans have a majority in

ficient to convince the people that a radical reformation in collecting and disbursing the Federal revenue is absolutely demanded? We should get rid of the whisky rings, the army rings, the Indian rings, the postoffice rings, the pension rings, the nigger bureau rings, and last, but not least, the customhouse rings. The investigation into the curruption of the customhouses, and especially in the city of New York, shows that this indirect system of collecting revenue is more odious than it was in the corrupt and tyranical governments of Europe, where it originated. In a free government the very essence of liberty is that the people shall not be so burdened with taxation that it takes all the surplus of labor to support their public officers. There | 1179; Spinney (Greenback), 123. The Demohas been a culpable neglect in the people in regard to this subject of taxation for the support of government. Men in their individual pursuits are too much inclined to neglect their public duties. But the experience of the last few years in this country should convince the people that there can be no individual progress and prosperity where they by a band of public plunderers. If they desire individual prosperity they will gain it easier and sooner by devoting a portion of their time to public affairs, and by selecting competent public officers to conduct the affairs of state. If a man in his private business would have twice as many agents as was necessary to transact it, and pay them double wages, the result would be inevitable that in a short time they would squander all his inheritance and reduce him to bankruptcy and poverty. The same result is more certain and speedier in the affairs of government. Then, we repeat, llook to your taxes and to the

character of the men that collect them, and

see that you do not become a nation of tax-

General James R. Chalmers reached this city on Monday, direct from Washington, and he gives us the most encouraging account of the future prospects of the Democratic party. He says that it is conceded at Washington by even honest Republicans that the Democratic party in future elections will achieve sweeping victories, and will unquestionably ascend to power in 1880. In view of the certain triumph of the Democratic of the certain triumph of the Democratic have died within a few days, and ten or fif-party in the near future, we advise southern teen others are prostrated. The Ontario gov-Democrats to stand by their colors and to ernment has ordered an inquiry as to the cause of the epidemic, which is supposed to avoid all entangling alliances with mushroom organizations. To show that General Chalmers is right in the opionion he has ex- turbance between the Orange Young Britons growth of the Democratic party within the later Royal, last ten years. In 1876 the Democratic party were attended by immense crowds. When came out of the Presidential contest with a they were over, the people dispersed. Sevter of a million. Out of 2,545,000 votes in the conthern States Mr. Tilden had a major. the southern States, Mr. Tilden had a majority of 487,000. In nearly that entire section of the country the Republican party has vanished as the mist upon the mountains from before a noonday's sun from the political field, and as yet there is no indication of a return of organized life to rehabilitate Mr. Hayes had a majority of 64,000. The greater part of this majority is from the small States of Vermont and Maine, while Massachusetts, a former empire of Republican strength, has become disputed ground. Out of the defections of the Republican party Out of the defections of the Republican party no longer be endured, four or five organiza-tions or parties which are sapping and under-mining its power and vitality, while the Democratic party is steadily growing in strength and advancing to places of preferment and power. Connecticut has been wholly redeemed. In the three central been wholly redeemed. In the three central content of New York, New Jersey and Pennsage in stracted funds were recovered.

Ardenstein, fire-commissioner, is missing. As the widows and orphans fund of the exempt fire company, of which he was the content of communication with the departed. The opportunity was permitted the following even-ing, and it is said that the manifestations to newspapers accompany the delegation. Some fifteen hundred delegates, in all, are most startling character. Numerous voices expected to attend the sessions.

THE HEAVENS IN MARCH.

What Everybody Wants to Know-No. Evening Stars - Some Facts About Mars and Uranus, Sirius, the Dog-Star, and the

Vernal Equinox. The breezy month of March opens with an almost entire absence of evening stars. Ju-piter, which was so conspicuous all through morning star in Aquarius, attaining her greatest brilliancy about the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth instant. Saturn will also and both are, consequently, invisible. Mars is still an evening visitant, but the ruddy god is fast retreating, and what was so glonous an object in September is now no brighter than a second-class star. The cause of the change may be seen from a few figures. Last autumn, when the planet shone like a glowing ruby, Mars was only thirty-four thousand eight hundred miles distant from the earth. On March 1st he was one hundred and fifty-one million five hundred thousand miles away, or nearly five times as far off as he was six months ago. ng. At the beginning of March he is on the borders of Aries (the Ram) but soon travels eastward into Taurus (the Bull). He may be noticed now a short distance below the Pleiades or Seven Sisters, toward whom he is hastening, intent, perhaps, on sowing discord in that happy family (for his reputation is none of the best), but more probably hop-ing to find there his beloved Aphrodite, Uranus was in opposition on February 16th, mitted to jail. Threats have been made to and so is favorably placed for seeing. He hang the fiend, but at this writing all is may easily be found with an operaglass, and should be looked for in the constellation Leo larger than our sun, shining at a distance of

the solar system at the rate of twentysix miles per second. Where it is going no one can tell. One other interesting event in March is the vernal or spring equinox, which occurs this year at noon on the twentieth instant. The sun, which has been south all winter, then crosses the equator on his way north, and spring commences. This intersection of the equator by the sun's path is called also the "First Point of Artes," and is the starting point from which astronomers measure longi-tudes and right ascensions. But, though the sun is traveling north, it must not be supposed that he is coming any nearer. On the to 1875, and more than one-half of that sum contrary, the distance from the earth is now was for the Des Moines and the Rock Island ncreasing at an average rate of seventeen thousand miles per day. The earth was nearest the sun on December 31st last, its distance being ninety million eight hundred and fifty thousand miles. On March 1st it will have added to these figures seven bun-dred and sixty thousand miles, and on July Halifax, March 4: After a heavy rain 2d next, when the earth is farthest from the storm of forty-eight hours] the wind increased sun, its distance will be ninety-three million to a furious gale. It is feared that much nine hundred and fifty thousand miles. Thus the earth is more than three million miles urther away from the sun in summer than

A HAUNTED TELEPHONE.

A Very Peculiar Occurrence in San Francisco-Telephone Communication with the Spirit World.

Alexandria, Va., March 4: The suit of General Custis Lee, for the recovery of the San Francisco Chronicle: The telephone, which is being so rapidly introduced into gen-Arlington estate, was continued in the United States district court to-day. The case will standing—has developed an interesting myste-Pera, March 5: It is stated the Russians will begin to leave Roumelia immediately, some embarking here and others at San Stefano. The treaty of peace has been sent London, March 5: The talk in the lobbies of parliament, yesterday evening, was all idence, and in the course of his explanations he turned off the bell signal. Immediately prospects of a longer Easter recess than usual, and an earlier prorogation in autumn. the signal was answered from the other end St. Louis, March 5: The cutting of freight rates to the east reached an almost unprecedentedly low figure to-day. Fourth-class freight from St. Louis to New York was taken at ten cents a hundred, and floor at twenty New York, March 4: Leonard Kirby, for forty years at the head of the dry goods firm had not yet been instructed, or that possiof L. & V. Kirby, and for the last fifteen years president of the Globe insurance com-pany, died yesterday, in the seventy-sixth Vienna, March 5: At the opening of conand ascertain if he was in communication gress a motion will be brought forward, probably by a German delegate, in favor of with any other citizen in the enjoyment of telephonic facilities. "Who is at the other the immediate annexation to Austria of Bosnia and Herzegovinia. Prince Bismark has quite recently renewed his advice in favor of speaking-tube. Instantly came the response, London, March 5: A special to Lloyds, rom Golatz, says: "The work of removing the obstructions in the Danube will begin tomorrow. We expect navigation will open in hastily seized his coat and hat and proceeded two weeks. In the Cleopatra salvage suit the court of admiralty fixed the joint value of the gomery street. He found his office as he had ship and obelisk at twenty-five thousand Belleville, Ont., March 5: A fever, supposed to be typhoid, has broken out in the institute for the deaf and dumb. Four pepils Montreal, March 5: The anticipated distion: reply good, and the crowds as soon as assembled were dispersed. A patrol is kept up, and at The Charges against Linderman-An Absconding Partner. SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—This morning's been brought into communication, and when Chronicle states that the charges against Dr. the bell signal began to tinkle violently, as if return of organized life to rehabilitate its dead body to dispute with the Democracy. Linderman, the director of the mint, have been forwarded from this city to Mr. Glover, tearing the apparatus down, and throwing it In the New England States, out of 668,000 chairman of the committee on expenditures into the street was seriously discussed. The in the treasury department. They are to the day following, the telephone-haunted citizen George W. Abbott, the absconding partner | reality of communication with the spiritual have sprung, and only when its burdens could of the brokers firm of Abbott & Co., was ar- world was informed of these curious tele-

introduced themselves, descanting on various topics, the theological question of the day-touching the truth of eternal punishmentbeing treated with jocular comment, attended with frequent laughter from the mysterious band of telephonists. Since that evening the proprietor of this remarkable line of telephonic communication has declined to permit any further investigation, and was particularly decisive in his refusal to gratify the inquiring spirit of a Chronicle reporter, seeking information for the public phone communication is maintained between the early winter, vanished before the close of his office and his residence during the day, the year, was in conjunction with the sun on January 5th, and is now reappearing as a from either natural or supernatural sources, morning star low down in the southeast, in as the case may be; but when the shades of the constellation of the archer. Venus lin- evening fall, and the line is supposed to be gered in the lap of February, but has also switched into communication with Canon She was in conjunction with Farrar's, Beecher's, Hemphill's, and the vathe sun on February 21st, and will soon be a rious other popular spiritual resorts, and morning star in Aquarius, attaining her opened for general business, the gentleman carefully disconnects the wires at his residence, as what he can glean from the mornbe in conjunction with the sun on the ing papers fully gratifies his desire for news. thirteenth, and Mercury on the twenty-first, It is hoped that the next telephone that develops these peculiar advantages will

given over to scientific investigation. A RAPIST ROPED.

Scoundrel's Crime Explated - The Negro Ravisher of a Young Lady Hanged Near Clarksville.

Nashville Banner, 4th: A telegram to the Courier-Journal, from Clarksville, says: A No wonder, then, his glory has departed.
Mars, however, can still be seen, and his days through the month is quite interestily, the daughter of one of Montgomery county's most respected citizens, occurred within five miles of this city yesterday morning about nine o'clock. A negro named Winston Anderson, who has always borne a good character in the neighborhood, called at the place mentioned and inquired of the Upon being told that her father was in the whose absence has robbed the heavens of field, and the rest of the family, with the extheir brightest jewel. Passing the Pleiades | ception of three little children and herself, on the fifteenth ultimo, a trifle south of Alcyeffe, at the close of the month he will be almost directly north of Aldebaran, the person. She succeeded, after having her oright red star in the Bull's head. One more clothes almost torn from her body, in runplanet is also visible in the evening, and one | ning up stairs, where she was pursued by the which few people have ever seen—the planet Uranus, discovered by the elder Herschel on March 13, 1781. Uranus is an enormus death if she informed on him. Her father globe, more than seventy times as large as returned from the field to dinner, and as soon sun at such an inconceivable distance that he can only just be seen with the naked eye— with Constable Thaddeus Watson and a posse. After riding all night, the scoundrel and that a very good one—when he is in opposition, his distance from the earth being county, Tennessee, about daylight in the one billion six hundred million of miles. Now morning, and brought to this city and com-

THE NEGRO HANGED. From parties who came from Clarksville —Ariel, Umbriel, Titania and Oberon—and Herschel fancied he saw four others with his body of masked men visited the jail at great reflector. But though there is no con-spicuous planet to act as guardian of the evening, that post is well filled by Sirius, the to his head and commanded him to lie still, mile from town and swung him to a tree. The negro was left hanging to the more than a hundred million million of miles

—a distance so great that light, which comes from the sun in eight minutes, takes twenty—whole proceedings were so quietly conducted had been almost entirely burned, but over the upper part one and a half years to reach the earth from that a number of citizens of Clarksville did Sirius. It has been discovered, too, that the not hear of it until a late hour Saturday

> became the topic of conversation. THE GREAT RIVER.

An Eastern Indorsement of the Mis sissippi Improvement Project.

New York World, March 2d: The appro

ment of the Mississippi river amounted to seven million seven hundred and eighty-nine thousand eight hundred and forty dollars up

rapids. When the length of the river, its value as a national waterway, and the extent of the commerce which once floated upon its

priations made by congress for the improve

current and along the channels of its tribu-taries are considered, the outlay of the Federal government seems but a mere trifle. The repairs of the canal system of this State for three or four seasons would cost as much. Curiously enough, at a period when the public attention was dinned with details of projects for artificial canals around Niagara, or over the Virginian mountains, or across the in the winter. But it happens that the gulf States, nobody seemed to care much about the vast system of natural canals which interlaced the Mississippi valley.

Among a hundred plans for extravagant expenditure upon schemes northern parts are then turned more toward the sun, and so receive a greater amount of heat and light—just as a person sitting near the side of a large fire would find it much hotter at a greater distance if he were right of perverted ingenuity there was a disposition to let the advantages which God had given us go to waste. Such neglect could hardly be explained by the commercial and political isolation of the states along the southern Mississippi consequent upon the war; nor could it bedue altogether to the fact that railways were supplanting water carriage in every direction, and that even on the great rivers the glory o that time of bustling prosperity which Mark Twain has pictured so graphically in his description of his apprenticeship as a pilot had passed away. Such considerations weighed little against less useful projects than the improvement of the Miss ry in this city, which is exciting the curiosity of In an era of lavish expenditure just closed, a small circle of investigators to a high pitch. it is not easy to understand how statesmen A gentleman, residing on Sutter street, reshould have looked on quietly and let the great system of internal navigation, which ished between his dwelling and his office on | no human ingenuity could have planned and Montgomery street. A few evenings ago he no amount of capital could have created, fall was exhibiting the apparatus, and explaining into decay, break away its banks, clog up its operations to a party of friends at his reschannels with sediment, and become in channels with sediment, and become in places almost unnavigable. Strange to say, however, in an economical mood, when all of the line. This circumstance created much were so popular a few years ago have surprise, the gentleman having left his office vacant and securely locked a few hours previous. The bell signal was repeated several the Mississippi and its tributary watertimes, in each instance receiving a vigorous ways and seem eager to do something to reresponse. For a time he suspected that the store them to their old place in commerce, in phenomenon was occasioned by some peculiar so far as the establishment of good, deep, adjustment of the instruments in which he permanent channels may enable them to compete with land transportation. The first step in bly his wires were in contact with this liberal work was the liberal appropriation some other lines, and an outside circuit had been formed. Then he bethought himself to switch on the telephone connection Captain Eads, who has undertaken this work. appears to be a man of original ideas and great courage and self-reliance. He has alend of the wire?" he called through the twenty-feet deep in the Passes, and is confident that he can secure over thirty feet. with a power and distinctness the telephone had never before developed: "You would not know if I told you, ——" (calling the gentleman by name), "but you see I know you." On this intimation the gentleman hastily seized his cont and hat and proceeded the section of the mouth of the river. There are forty-three bars below Cairo, some of which, like Horsetail bar, have a depth of only four and a half feet, and the inference is that it will be useless to make the outlets fit to float an iron left it, with the gas burning and the door se-curely locked. An officer was called in and a vigilant search of the premises made, but which he declares will supplement his no indication of any intrusion was discovered.

The gentleman signaled back to his residence, and held a conversation with his wife, the has made a careful study of telephone working with perfect facility as usual. He locked his office and returned a theory that the current may be trusted to home. The bell signal was again tried and received the same ready response. Then the telephone was turned on and the mysterious correspondent again invoked with the question: "Where are you, anyway?" The in time equalize the bed of the river through ready came in a voice that was the province of sediment. He argues that was | the movement of sediment. He argues that bell-like in its clearness and audible to the building of levees should be only tempo-every person in the room: "You would not rary, as the river can be made to dig its own every person in the room: "You would not know if I told you, but you will see and know hereafter." This startling language, seeming to intimate a supernatural source, created general consternation in the little company present. The telephone was hastily turned off, and neither the gentlemen, his family nor friends would approach the instrument again.

No one was in the least anxious to know No one was in the least anxious to know more from the mysterious source of information with which the wire appeared to have spend the five million dollars which is the estimated cost of the work for the good of the long-neglected Mississippi.

Butter and Cheese. CHICAGO, March 6.—The fifth annual convention of the National butter, cheese and egg association met at noon to-day in the Grand Pacific hotel, and was called to order the association had secured to the public; alluded to the great and growing export business of this industry, and extended a hearty welcome to all the delegates. Vice-President Rorick, of Wauseon, Ohio, responded, after which the convention adjourned till half-past two o'clock. About lifty members of the Boston produce exchange headed by Hon Austin Bellman. SICKENING DETAILS

Of the Burning of Kniser's House, in which Eight Persons Perished-It is Believed the Old Man Murdered his Family and Set Fire to the House.

St. Louis special to the Chicago Times: Dr. Wheeler a veterinary surgeon, of St. Louis, returned home to-night from a visit to Monroe county, Illinois, bringing news of a most shocking tragedy in the vicinity of Fisk Landing. He stopped on Thursday night at the house of Mr. Cavanaugh, a farmer with whom he was acquainted. About four o'clock his host rapped at his door, calling to him in an agitated voice to get up as quick as possible. He complied, and on going out loss of manhood, etc., I will send a receipt that will found Cavanaugh looking in the direction of "That," said the farmer excitedly, as his Send a self addressed envelope to Rev. Joszph T. Inman, Station D, Bible House, New York. friend from the city joined him, "is the farm-house of my poor friend Kaiser. We must go and see what we can do." Dr. Wheel er's narative continues: We hurried across

were the first to arrive at the burning struc-NONE OF THE FAMILY COULD BE SEEN. and the flames had gained such a hold that it was utterly useless to try and enter. They shouted for the farmer, and threw sticks and clubs against the door, but the only response was the crackling of the flames as they found their way upward toward the roof. neighbors came hurrying up, each fresh accession asking anxiously: "Where's the old man?" "Where are the boys?" "What does this mean?" It was a mystery that no one attempted to answer. A score of farmers gathered about the building and prevented the fire from spreading to the out-buildings. When it was possible, they caught hold of portions of the burning struc-ture, the clapboards, and pieces of the roof,

the fields in the direction of the light, and

and dragged them away, that the flames might find as little food as possible, for the earnest desire was to get inside and SOLVE THE MYSTERY of the non-appearance of the family. That consisted of old Moritz Kaiser and wife and six children. The house was substantially built, occupying ground space eighteen by twenty feet, with a kitchen addition, and having an upper half story. By dint of hard exertions the farmers succeeded in checking the flames, and shortly after daybreak the frame-work, smoking and burning slowly, stood out desolately in the morning light, and THEY CURE Dyspepsia, Costiveness, Piles, Jaundice, Fever & Ague, and Wind Colic, THEY CURE Sick Headache, Foul Breath, Fiatulence and Indigestion.

THEY GIVE Appetite, Flesh to the Body, and THEY ACT on the Blood, and remove all Impurities.

it was made possible to enter and search. An EIGHT CORPSES LAY IN A ROW in the front yard, and Monroe county had furnished a sensation without alparallel. Kaiser and his whole family had perished, but not by the flames. The entrance to the house was in the center of the front, facing the road to Waterloo, fifteen miles to the northeast. The entire lower story was one large room. To the right, on entering, was situated the bed in which slept the mother and youngest children; in a corner on the left was a cot where the old man slept himself. The boys' beds were up stairs, and access to the upper story was gained by a flight of steps which went up from the further left hand corner of the main living room. The portion of the burning building first examinthe bed in which the mother and the two little children slept. The lower half of the bed

THE TIMBER HAD LODGED and the flames had been fought away by the farmers. Under the debris could be forms, and when the ruins had been cleared off a sight met the eye which appalled the stoutest heart. Mrs. Kaiser lay with little Tommy, aged three, beside her, and Ellen the baby, two months old, on her breast. They lay on their backs, with the upper portions of the bodies and faces well preserved, but the limbs roasted and twisted out of all human semblance. The pillows were

DRENCHED IN BLOOD, which, having become heated by fire, sent up a sickening odor. Mrs. Kaiser had two deep wounds, one on each side of the head and each penetrating into the brain, and sufficient to cause death. The heads of the little boy and baby were crushed in and the brains exposed. The positions of the clothes indi-cated that they had been killed, and the bodies arranged in the bed before the flames had been started to destroy the evidence of the terrible crime. The searchers then turned

THE OLD PARMER'S BED. but it was empty. The fire had disarranged it but slightly, and it was plainly evident that it had not been occupied at all that night. Toward the rear of the house the flames had done their work more effectually. There the heat had been the greatest, and nothing met the eyes of the searchers but a pile of smoking timbers; but from underneath came the choking, nauseating smell of burning flesh. Fifteen minutes were conlet the advantages sumed in removing the rubbish, and the OLD KAISER AND HIS FOUR SONS

were reached. The boys lay in a row, their heads to the rear wall of the room and their feet toward the center. They lay upon their backs, and their limbs, although roasted, were stretched out and composed, showing that the fire had come after death. The body of the old man lay between the boys and th bed of his wife and babies. It was twisted and disturbed, showing that living nerves and muscle had writhed before the blaze. The consuming element had gone too far, however, to tell whether he had inflicted up on himself any injury before he lay down to

THE SKULLS OF THE BOYS had all been crushed. From inspection of the wounds it seemed as if they had been inflicted with a mattock or grub-hoe. After the bodies were carried out a mes-senger was dispatched for Coroner Hilton, fifteen miles away, but before he arrived the neighbors had settled upon

THE CORRECT THEORY. Moritz Kaiser was fifty years of age, a Switzer by birth. Mrs. Ellen Kaiser was twenty-five years of age, born and raised in Monroe county. She married Kaiser when she was only fifteen, and had brought him six children. The four boys were aged ten, nine, seven and five years. The farm was small and Kaiser was old. The farm was leased, and he found it impossible to make both ends meet. He had been behind with his rent, and on the first of March he was to give up the premises. This preyed on the old man's mind continually. A younger man, with a grown-up family like his, might have been braver. Kaiser fell into great despondency. He went about the surrounding country looking for another farm, but the only one he could find within his means was a place with an old log-house upon it. Christ!" he said to a neighbor, "I can't take my wife and little ones into a log-house. What have I come to? Would to God I had never been born." Thursday night he made his appearance at the shore at Fisk Landing,

POSSESSED WITH SOME HORRIBLE MANIA He called for whisky, and swallowed three drams of the villainous stuff which is to be found at Mississippi landings. Then he had a bottle filled, which he put in his coat. His talk during all the day was of his family and his troubles. "I'm no better than a beggar," he would cry out, "to take my family into such an old hole. "I'd rather be dead than do it." The people tried to comfort him, but he raved on and would listen to nething. A horrible plan was forming in his disordered mind. Finally, about half-past nine o'clock he plunged out in the darkness, crying: "I'd better be dead. We'd all better be dead than come to this. My God! My God!" That was the last seen of Kaiser,

KILLED HIS WIFE AND BABIES in their first heavy sleep, and composed their bodies in the bed. Then he called down his boys, and as they reached the bottom of the stairs the mattock descended upon each head, and the father stood surrounded by the bloody evidence of his purpose. It must have been two or three hours after that before he started the fire. As a husband and father Kaiser

LOVED DESPERATELY. Perhaps he spent those hours in caressing the dead and praying to "Gott im himmel" to forgive the crime. More probably he emptied HENRY W. SMITH | THOS. GAFF | JAS. W. GAFF the bottle of whisky. Finally the fleeting hours admonished him that it was time to be completing his work; the fires were lighted, and then, stupefied by liquor, possibly gashed and weakened by loss of blood, he lay down to wake up with his loved ones in eternity. RE-DISTILLERS OF BOURBON & RYE

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